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"The okres committee shall submit the proposal for expulsion, with its comments, to the kraj committee for decision. If the kraj committee confirms the decision of the basic organization, the expulsion is valid. If the kraj committee rejects the expulsion, it must be discussed again in the basic organization. If the basic organization insists on its original decision, it shall submit the matter to the Central Committee for final decision."

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It is necessary to call attention, with great emphasis, to errors which our organizations have been making. Regarding gross violation of Party discipline, we cannot consider mere nonfulfillment of a few membership duties as grounds for expulsion, especially if the member or candidate has not been notified and warned. At the most, a proposal for loss of membership is appropriate in this case, as was discussed in the last issue.

Okres committees frequently pass over such expulsions without returning the incorrect proposal to the organization. Thus a good and honorable comrade, to whom the organization has devoted little attention, may sometimes be harmed.

Another mistake which committees of basic organizations commit is that a member or candidate is not invited to the membership meeting which is to discuss his expulsion. This is a violation of basic membership rights, which are referred to in Paragraph 3 of the organizational statutes: "A member of the Party has the right . . . to demand that he be present if a decision is being made concerning his conduct or activity." Individual cases where it is necessary to decide on the expulsion of a member or candidate in his absence shall be justified by the organization in the minutes. Here it must be indicated why he could not be invited to the meeting, and who reported to the organization the important reasons for which his expulsion has been proposed.

A very frequent error committed by our organizations is that the expelled person is not notified in writing of the decision concerning his expulsion. This written notification must be sent within 8 days of the decision at the latest. At the same time, the organization is required to report its decision to the okres committee and to send it the minutes of the committee and membership meetings so that the okres committee may judge the entire case and submit its comments to the kraj committee.

The okres committee must devote special attention to cases where an organization reports several cases of expulsion at once. Then it is the duty of the okres committee to verify the entire matter by direct investigation in the basic organization, in the presence of those members who are being proposed for expulsion.

Only the kraj committee decides on the validity of each decision on expulsion, and it is required to report its decision to the organization in writing.

It will depend mainly on the okres committees whether the organizations will proceed according to the organizational statutes in their proposals for expulsion. If a meeting of an okres committee is to discuss individual cases, it is above all necessary to make sure that each organization deliver its minutes along with its report. It must be clearly evident from the minutes how conscientiously each accusation was examined and the final decision considered.

Although we are emphasizing the importance of each decision on expulsion from the Party and strict observance of the organizational statutes, an organization should not go to the opposite extreme and fear to expel a member when it is necessary. We shall judge each case individually, and we shall examine the attitude of the expelled person toward the Party. Increased alertness and vigilance against a class enemy who has succeeded in penetrating our organization will help us to expel alien and inimical elements from the Party.

Since any member or candidate has the right to appeal the decision of a membership meeting successively to higher echelons, the okres committee must submit its remarks to the kraj committee as soon as possible, so that it may discuss the matter at the next meeting of the presidium and confirm or reject the proposal. Written confirmation of the decision of the kraj committee must be given to the organization within one month from the date of the meeting which approved the proposal for expulsion.

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If the committees of basic organizations observe the principles of the organizational statutes, unnecessary return and consideration of cases will be avoided. Decisions must contribute to the unity and purity of the Party.

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